

**§12159. Taking reptiles and amphibians from the wild**

**1. Prohibition; penalties.** Except as provided in this section, a person may not take or possess reptiles or amphibians from the wild for export, sale or commercial purposes.

A. A person who violates this subsection commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 may be adjudged. [PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §207 (NEW); PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF).]

B. A person who violates this subsection after having been adjudicated as having committed 3 or more civil violations under this Part within the previous 5-year period commits a Class E crime. [PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §207 (NEW); PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF).]  
[PL 2021, c. 54, §10 (AMD).]

**2. Commercial amphibian permit.** Persons harvesting amphibians for purposes of sale are required to obtain a permit from the commissioner. The fee for a permit issued under this subsection is \$27. The permit expires one year from the date of issuance. [PL 2017, c. 205, §22 (AMD).]

**3. Rules.** The commissioner shall adopt rules pertaining to harvest methods, confinement and disposal of amphibians. The commissioner may by rule:

A. Require reporting of harvest activities; [PL 2011, c. 253, §23 (AMD).]

B. Establish a season, including daily and season possession limits; and [PL 2017, c. 205, §23 (AMD).]

C. Establish requirements for humane harvest, confinement and disposal methods. [PL 2017, c. 205, §23 (AMD).]

D. [PL 2017, c. 205, §23 (RP).]

Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

[PL 2017, c. 205, §23 (AMD).]

**SECTION HISTORY**

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